

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections

Claims 1-4, 10-20, 30, and 32-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,823,290 (Fasack) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,195,018 (Ragle).

Claims 2-4, 10-20, 30, and 32-42 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, the rejection of claims 2-4, 10-20, 30, and 32-42 is moot.

Fasack in view of Ragle does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious an apparatus including a USB interface that is configured to respond to a configuration request from a USB-enabled host as does claim 1. The Examiner cited FIG. 1, ref. 10 of Fasack as disclosing a USB interface. (Office Action dated November 1, 2005, p. 2). Fasack discusses that the sensor interface device (SID) 10 passes signals in a “particular communication format as defined in the SID2000 specification sheets available from Honeywell.” Fasack, Col. 5, ll., 43-45 (emphasis added). Conversely, claim 1 recites an apparatus for use with a USB-enabled host and that includes a USB interface, which is a standardized interface. Using a standardized USB interface facilitates, for example, plug-and-play usage of the recited apparatus. Neither Fasack nor Ragle, taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests an apparatus for use with a USB enabled host that includes a standardized USB interface. Furthermore, neither Fasack nor Ragle discusses a USB interface that is configured to respond to a configuration request from a USB-enabled host. For at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Fasack in view of Ragle.

Claims 43-69

Claims 43-69 have been added. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by claims 43-69. Thus, Applicants believe that claims 43-69 are patentable, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 542-6000.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 18133-295.

Respectfully submitted,

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